(c) whether the labourers of DMRC are being exploited for the last several years;

(d) if not, the reaction of Government on the news item which appeard in Rashtriya Sahara, on 21st January, 2003; and

(e) if so, the action taken by Government in the interest of labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) Delhi Metro Rail project is being implemented through the agency of contractors and as such DMRC itself has not engaged any labourer for this purpose.

(b) The labourers employed by the contractors/sub-contractbrs on this project normally work in 8 hour shifts. However, on the days on which they are deployed for more than 8 hours, they are paid overtime by the contractors/sub-contractors.

(c) Does not arise since DMRC has not got any labourers.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of the reply to (c) above.

Guidelines to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies

623. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate guidelines for State Governments to ensure better fund flow to Municipal bodies;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government agreed to stand guarantee for bonds raised by urban local bodies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. As per Entry-5 of the State List

of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution, it is for the State Governments to look into such issues.

(c) No., Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Additional construction in DDA flats

624. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to permit additional construction in the flats built and sold by the DDA;

(b) if so, the details thereof and th£ reasons therefor;

(c) whether similar facilities are extendable to flats of the Co-operative Group Housing Societies;

(d) if so, whether the Managing Committees of such societies would be allowed to collect the required fee for additions and alterations by the members;

(e) whether the opinion of the engineering and technical experts had been solicited and considered before taking a decision in the matter; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKRISHNAN): (a) to (d) The Government has permitted the following additions/alterations in DDA flats, in addition to the approved list of 19 permissible items:

(i) Fixing doors in back or front courtyards,

(ii) Converting window into almirah, subject to availbility of light and ventilation.

(iii) Shifting of water storage tank/raising of the parapet wall up to 5' high and putting additional water storage tank at the location specified, subject to capacity of storage of water limited to 550 litres.